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MEMORANDUM

ST. CLAIR COUNTY - Solid Waste Disposal
Sauget/Union Electric

To: Division of Sanitary Engineering

Attention: O. S. Hallden, Chief
Bureau of General Sanitation

From: West Central Regional

Date: March 2, 1967

Interviewed: Mr. Leo Sauget, President of Sauget Company, Inc., & Mayor of Sauget

On the above date, at the request of Engineer C. E. Clark, a visit was made to the Monsanto Chemical Company waste disposal area, located on property owned by the Union Electric Company, Riverview Avenue, Sauget, Illinois.

The site is for the disposal of liquid chemical waste and refuse such as cardboard boxes and metal containers from the Monsanto Company. The site is operated by contract with the Sauget Company, Inc..

Sauget Company operates a number of their own dump trucks in which cover material and some refuse is hauled to the site. Monsanto provides tank trucks and packer trucks for hauling and a 20-ton #250 International Crawler tractor with a 4 in 1 bucket for covering the refuse. Most of the liquid waste deposited on the site is hauled in tanks while a portion of it arrives in 55 gallon drums.

The liquid hauled to the site by tank trucks is pooled on the site and allowed to dry before it is finally covered. The 55-gallon drums are emptied into these pools and the drums are salvaged as is all other metal and some lumber.

Solid refuse received at the site is adequately covered with fine cinders. All liquid wastes received at the site is adequately covered after it is allowed to dry. The drying process may take a number of days, depending on the weather conditions. Whether the pooling of the liquid is contributing to a health hazard is unknown, since the chemical content of the liquid has not been determined. Mr. Sauget did not know what the liquid was. A Monsanto trucker who was on the site said that it was called 237 residue. However, it is believed that 237 is a Department number and not the specific name of the liquid.

Prior to approving the Sauget Company's operation, it is suggested that an accurate description of the liquid waste be obtained and the method of disposal be investigated further.

A site survey, location map, and diagram of the site are attached. Mr. Sauget plans to send an aerial view and a more accurate description of the area in question as soon as possible.

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